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Dry Weather for Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Dry weather persisted statewide, except Eastern Idaho, which received some precipitation. Reporting weather stations recorded 79 to 102 degree highs and 38 to 55 degree lows during the past week. Much of Idaho's winter wheat, second cutting alfalfa, and mint is harvested, according to summarized reports from County Extension Educators statewide. Grains are in mostly good to fair condition statewide.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Most of the second crop hay is done and cereal harvest is well underway with many fields done, according to the Caribou County Extension Educator. Forage supplies are starting to decline as extended warm temperatures are taking their toll on late summer grass in Caribou County. Idaho's range and pasture is in fair to good condition statewide, according to County Extension Educators.

Field Crop Report

Apple harvest is just beginning. Over a third of Idaho's prune and plum harvest is complete, and half of Idaho's peach harvest is complete. Dry weather advanced harvest this week, according to the Caribou County Extension Educator. In Power County, grain harvest is finished except for some higher elevation dryfarm ground. Winter wheat seeding has just begun. Some potato fields have been rolled. The Benewah County Extension Educator reported extremely dry conditions.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 46 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Reports indicate 6.9 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress

<i>Percentages</i>	2006	2005	Average
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	7	1	1
Oats Harvested for Grain	62	51	47
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	28	25	30
Onions Harvested	18	2	9
Dry Beans Harvested	22	6	9
Dry Peas Harvested	84	71	73
Lentils Harvested	82	64	73
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	95	79	90

Crop Condition

<i>Percentages</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Spring Wheat	1	2	22	68	7
Barley	--	4	20	67	9
Potato	--	3	13	67	17
Irr. Water Supply	--	2	8	61	29
Range and Pasture	1	3	50	42	4

Crop Progress by District

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	13	15	18	8	1	4	1	--	1	4	1	3
Winter Wheat															
Harvested.....	95	91	89	100	100	100	99	87	97	95	83	90	96	88	91
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	80	61	57	96	100	100	94	74	85	68	49	61	76	57	65
Barley															
Harvested.....	84	70	62	100	100	100	92	76	86	61	38	53	71	52	63
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested .	100	74	78	100	100	100	100	99	100	95	96	91	98	97	95
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	84	83	89	82	57	62	30	21	14	61	49	49

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 27, 2006 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of August	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	97	45	70	7	3235	1828	1488	0.00	-0.93	0.00	3.22	12.36
Grangeville	89	47	65	1	2896	1583	1236	0.03	-0.30	0.60	12.89	14.30
Lewiston	101	55	75	3	4204	2606	2194	0.00	-0.19	0.18	6.90	6.47
Sand Point	93	45	67	5	2968	1615	1238	0.00	-0.37	0.04	10.88	13.15
Southwest												
Boise	100	53	74	3	4272	2738	2110	0.00	-0.10	0.02	7.43	5.35
Caldwell	97	48	71	0	4100	2531	2365	0.05	-0.04	0.05	3.45	4.75
Emmett	97	51	71	1	3900	2399	2063	0.00	-0.09	0.01	7.56	5.47
Mountain Home	102	50	73	2	4249	2781	2113	0.00	-0.07	0.00	6.55	4.05
Parma	96	51	--	--	3987	2470	2008	0.00	-0.11	0.00	4.84	4.86
Weiser	99	51	75	5	4306	2758	2102	0.00	-0.09	0.47	6.26	4.82
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	93	43	66	-2	3306	1926	1742	0.00	-0.11	0.18	5.92	4.88
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	79	39	--	--	3363	1955	1516	0.00	-0.16	0.24	4.98	5.54
Twin Falls	95	45	71	5	3568	2170	1541	0.00	-0.10	0.00	6.48	5.02
East												
Aberdeen	95	38	66	2	3152	1825	1367	0.04	-0.10	0.04	5.67	4.67
Grace	89	42	--	--	2910	1639	1206	0.61	0.30	0.61	7.32	8.47
Idaho Falls	92	41	65	0	2968	1654	1420	0.13	-0.06	0.35	6.74	5.86
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	96	41	67	0	3302	1951	1604	0.10	-0.09	0.22	5.67	6.23
Rexburg	92	43	66	2	2988	1697	1316	0.00	-0.18	0.10	6.82	7.30
Salmon	88	45	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.

2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.